

## Special Policy “Czars” Czars (7 Confirmed)

### **I. Existing positions renamed with CZAR title**

1. **Regulatory Czar - Cass R. Sunstein**
  - Title: Administrator of the WH Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.
  - Reports to: Office of Management and Budget head Peter Orszag.
  - Nomination was sent to Senate on April 20, 2009 - no action yet taken.
2. **Border Czar - Alan Bersin**
  - Title: Assist. Secretary for Int'l Affairs and Special Representative for Border Affairs.
  - Reports to and appointed by: Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano
3. **Government Performance Czar - Jeffrey Zients**
  - Title: Deputy Director of OMB/ Chief Performance Officer.
  - Reports to: OMB Director Peter Orzag; Confirmed by the Senate June 19, 2009.
4. **Weapons Czar - Ashton Carter**
  - Title: Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.
  - Reports to: Defense Sec. Robert Gates; Confirmed by Senate April 23, 2009.
5. **California Water Czar - David J. Hayes**
  - Title: Deputy Interior Secretary.
  - Reports to: Interior Secretary Ken Salazar; Confirmed by Senate: May 20, 2009.
  - Charged with coordinating federal agencies to ease California's water shortage.
6. **Health Czar - Nancy-Ann DeParle**
  - Title: Counselor to the President and Dir. of the WH Health Reform
  - Reports to: President Obama.
  - Coordinates the development of the Administration's healthcare policy agenda.
7. **Economic Czar - Paul Volcker**
  - Title: Chairman of the President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board
  - Reports to: President Obama.
  - Volcker reportedly isn't paid for his advice.
  - G.W. Bush had a similar position in his administration.
8. **Drug Czar - Gil Kerlikowske**
  - Title: Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy
  - Reports to: President Obama; Confirmed by Senate: May 7, 2009
  - Directs drug-control policy in the U.S.; is expected to shift drug policy to intervention and treatment in order to reduce the problem of drug use.
  - Reagan created the “drug czar” position first, in 1981.
9. **Faith-Based Czar - Joshua DuBois**
  - Title: Director of the Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
  - Reports to: President Obama.
  - Acts as a liaison between faith and secular community groups and the White House, often partnering with them to tackle social issues. Helps these groups apply for federal grants.
10. **Intelligence Czar - Dennis Blair**
  - Title: Director of National Intelligence.
  - Reports to: President Obama; Confirmed by Senate: January 28, 2009.
11. **Science Czar - John Holdren**

- Title: Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Co-Chair of the President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology.
- Reports to: President Obama; Confirmed by Senate: March 19, 2009.

## **II. New Positions that report to the President or Vice President**

12. **Urban Affairs Czar - Adolfo Carrion Jr.**
  - Title: White House Director of Urban Affairs.
  - Reports to: President Obama.
  - Coordinates transportation and housing initiatives, facilitates federal aid to economically hard-hit cities.
13. **Energy and Environment Czar- Carol Browner**
  - Title: Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change.
  - Reports to: President Obama.
  - Coordinates energy and climate policy, emphasizing regulation and conservation.
14. **Stimulus Accountability Czar - Earl Devaney**
  - Title: Chair of the Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board
  - Reports to: VP Biden.
  - Leads oversight board that monitors money spent by the stimulus package
15. **AIDS Czar - Jeffrey Crowley**
  - Title: Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy.
  - Reports to: President Obama.
  - Coordinates HIV/AIDS policy domestically and internationally.
16. **Domestic Violence Czar - Lynn Rosenthal**
  - Title: White House adviser on Violence Against Women.
  - Reports to: President Obama and Vice President Biden.
  - Will advise the President and VP on domestic violence and sexual assault issues.
17. **Technology Czar - Aneesh Chopra**
  - Title: Chief Technology Officer.
  - Reports to: President Obama; Confirmed by Senate: May 21, 2009.
  - Will lead the effort to eliminate wasteful government programs, increase broadband access nationwide, and computerize medical records.

## **III. New Czar Positions that report to a Cabinet secretary**

18. **Green Jobs Czar - Van Jones (resigned)**
  - Title: Special Adviser for Green Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation at the White House Council on Environmental Quality.
  - Reports to: Head of Council on Environmental Quality, Nancy Sutley
19. **Information Czar - Vivek Kundra**
  - Title: Federal Chief Information Officer.
  - Reports to: Director of OMB Peter Orszag.
  - Oversees other federal agency CIOs and for setting the gov't technology policies.
20. **Mideast Peace Czar - George Mitchell**
  - Title: Special Envoy for Middle East Peace.
  - Reports to: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.
  - Works to maintain the peace between Israel and Hamas after recent hostilities.

21. **Afghanistan Czar - Richard Holbrooke**
  - Title: Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan.
  - Reports to: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.
  - Will work with Gen. David Petraeus to integrate U.S. civilian and mil. efforts in the Afghanistan region.
22. **Guantanamo Closure Czar - Daniel Fried**
  - Title: Special Envoy.
  - Reports to: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton
  - Works get foreign governments to accept Guantanamo Bay prisoners in order to help close the facility.
23. **Sudan Czar - J. Scott Gration**
  - Title: Special Envoy to Sudan.
  - Reports to: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.
  - Will coordinate U.S. role in the aftermath of the genocide in Darfur.
24. **Climate Czar - Todd Stern**
  - Title: Special Envoy for Climate Change.
  - Reports to: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.
  - Responsible for developing approaches to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases.
25. **TARP Czar - Herb Allison**
  - Title: Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Financial Stability.
  - Reports to: Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.
  - Heads the government's \$700 billion financial rescue program.
26. **Pay Czar - Kenneth R. Feinberg**
  - Title: Special Master on executive pay.
  - Reports to: Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.
  - Reportedly receiving no compensation for his work.
27. **Auto Recovery Czar - Ed Montgomery**
  - Title: Director of Recovery for Auto Communities and Workers.
  - Reports to: Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner.
  - Reports to: Larry Summers (Obama's top economic adviser) and Labor Secretary Hilda Solis.
28. **Car Czar - Ron Bloom**
  - Title: Head of the Presidential Task Force on the Auto Industry.
  - Reports to: Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and National Economic Council head Larry Summers.
  - A leader of the White House task force overseeing auto company bailouts; worked on restructuring of General Motors and Chrysler LLC.
29. **Great Lakes Czar - Cameron Davis**
  - Title: Special advisor to the U.S. EPA on the Great Lakes Restoration Plan.
  - Reports to: EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson.
  - Oversees the administration's initiative to restore the Great Lakes' environment.
30. **Terrorism Czar - John Brennan**
  - Title: Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism.
  - Reports to: National Security Adviser James L. Jones.
  - National Security Council would replace the Homeland Security Adviser's Office
31. **Central Region Czar - Dennis Ross**
  - Title: Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for the Central Region.
  - Reports to: National Security Adviser Gen. James L. Jones.

- Responsible for handling the international issues pertaining to the Middle East, the Gulf, Afghanistan, Pakistan and South Asia region.

32. **WMD Policy Czar - Gary Samore**

- Title: White House Coordinator for WMD Security and Arms Control.
- Reports to: National Security Advisor Gen. James L. Jones.
- Coordinate issues related to weapons of mass destruction across the government.

**History of American Czars:**

George W. Bush

- • Reports of 14 Czars over 8 years (or 96 months)

Ronald Reagan

- • Reports of 3 Czars over 8 years (or 96 month)